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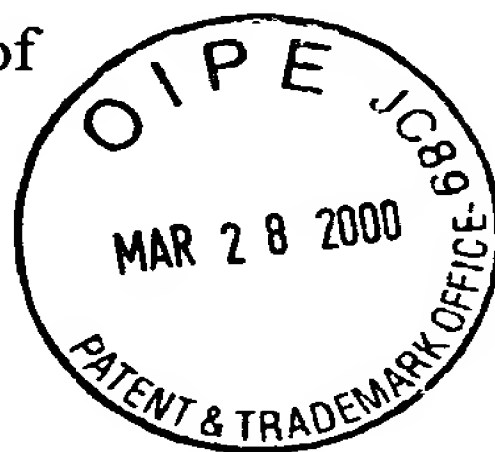
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

FIRE, et al.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached is a Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents.


This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Contingent Request Under Rule 97(c): Should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 20263/256628 and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early Action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

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